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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ASANO ET AL.

Examiner

Shin-Hon Chen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION..

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9-15,17-37,39-45,47-69,71-73,75-95,97,99-114 and 138-161 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9-15,17-37,39-45,47-69,71-73,75-95,97,99-114 and 138-161 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-37, 39-45, 47-69, 71-73, 75-95, 97, 99-114, and 138-161 have been examined.

2.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-37, 39-45, 47-69, 71-73, 75-95, 97, 99-114, and 138-161 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Traw et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5949877 (hereinafter Traw).

5. As per claim 1-7, 9-15, 17-37, 39-45, 47-69, 71-73, 75-95, 97, 99-114, and 138-161, Traw discloses a method for protecting digital content from copying and/or other misuse as it is transferred between devices, includes authenticating that both a content source and a content sink are compliant device by exchanging certificate identifying itself to each other (Traw: column 6 lines 24-45; column 7 lines 55-60), when the certificates are verified to be valid, each device determines whether the devices are listed in CRL, if one of the device is listed in CRL, communication is halted (Traw: column 7 lines 58-65). In addition to authentication protocol, Traw discloses at least one certification revocation list version identifier is exchanged between the content source and the content sink, and if the received certificate revocation list version

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identifier is more recent than the certificate revocation list version identifier stored in the receiving device, then the certificate revocation list of the receiving device is updated (Traw: e.g. column 7 lines 62-65).

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-37, 39-45, 47-69, 71-73, 75-95, 97, 99-114, and 138-161 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kamibayashi et al. U.S. Pat. No. 7137012 discloses storage medium and content protection method using the storage medium.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shin-Hon Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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